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### Practice Areas

Government Contracts  
REAs, Claims, and Appeals  
Bid Protests  
Construction  
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### Education

**George Mason University School of Law**, J.D., 2014

**Saint Joseph's University**, B.S.B.A., 2011

### Bar/Court Admissions

Virginia  
District of Columbia  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia  
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Sam focuses his practice on federal contracting, construction law, small business procurement, and litigation. He represents government contractors in procurement-related disputes, including bid protests before the Government Accountability Office, the Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and small business size and status protests before the Small Business Administration (SBA) and its Office of Hearings and Appeals. As a member of the Firm's Government Contract Claims & Appeals Group, Sam has extensive experience preparing, negotiating, and prosecuting Contract Dispute Act claims, requests for equitable adjustment, termination for convenience settlements, and termination for default appeals.

Sam also provides counsel to firms interested in pursuing set-aside opportunities under SBA's 8(a), HUBZone, SDVOSB, WOSB, and All Small Mentor-Protégé Programs. He drafts and negotiates teaming, joint venture, subcontract, and mentor-protégé agreements. Additionally, Sam advises contractors on a diverse array of regulatory compliance issues arising under the Federal Acquisition Regulation and SBA regulations, including recertification, limitations on subcontracting, organizational conflicts of interest, adverse past performance evaluations/CPARS, security clearances, and affiliation.

Sam works closely with PilieroMazza's Business & Transactions Group to assist small business contractors with properly structuring GovCon mergers and acquisitions, conducting due diligence, and preparing novation agreements.

From 2018 through the present, Super Lawyers® recognized Sam as a "Rising Star" for his work with government contractors. He also earned JD Supra's "Readers' Choice Top Author 2020 Award" as one of their top 10 authors in government contracting.